IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT.

PANIC AT A SIEGEL-ST. FIRE-A CHILD HURLED FROM A FOURTH-STORY WIN-

DOW ESCAPED INJURY. fire which broke out from some unknown in the top floor near the airshaft of the four-story tenement-house at No. 15 Siegel-st yesterday after-moon caused a panic among the inmates. In the excitement one woman threw her infant child from one of the windows to the street, and it was caught by Mrs. Rosa Weinberg. The weight of the child caused the woman to fall, spraining her left ankle. The child escaped injury.

The building was occupied by ten families, all Polish Jews. The ground floor was formerly a concert hall, known as the "Burnt Rag." and was concted by Israel Feltman. The place was closed several months ago. On the top floor lived Max Hassen and his family and Max Goldberg, with his wife and three children. Mrs. Goldberg was the first to discover the blaze, and her cries of "Firel" were echoed through the building. The hallways quickly filled with smoke, and those who gained the street by rushing down the stairs fell over one another in their excitement. Others took to the fire-escapes and were helped to the street by the firemen of Truck No. 8, which is located in the neighborhood.

When the firemen reached the scene the wildes excitement prevailed. Mothers with young children in their arms stood at the windows and upon the scapes crying for help, and in several cases were about to hurl their little ones to the street elow and follow by jumping, which would probably have resulted in instant death, when the firemen shouted to them to remain quiet for a few minutes. The firemen did not wait to raise ladders against the burning building, but ran up the fire-escapes to them. The first to go up the iron ladders were Foreman Fee and Fireman Charles Furman, of Truck Company No & After they reached the top loors the Hassen family were quickly carried down In the exchement Mrs. Goldberg left her five-year-In the excitement Mrs. Goldberg left her five-yearoid child. Sarah, in the apartments, taking her other
two children. Eddie three years old, and Esther,
two years old. It was not until she reached the
street that she thought of the other child. Fireman
Furman ran quickly back to the apartments on the
fire-escape, and, groping his way through the
smoke which filled the apartments, found the little
one unconscious on the bed. She was revived
shortly after reaching the open air.

The flames soon burnt through the roof, and for a
time it looked as if the surrounding tenements
would take fire. This was prevented by the excellent work of the firemen. After two hours of hard
work the fire was extinguised, with a loss of about
\$3,000 on building and furniture. The building belongs to Jacob Passus, of New-York.

SHE MET A PEACEMAKER'S USUAL FATE. Mrs. Mary Patterson, of No. 115 Spencer-st., was remanded to the Homocopathic Hospital last night suffering from a broken leg, which she received while acting as peacemaker in a quarrel her husba was having with Joseph Glynn. Glynn lived in the same house, and the men got into an altercation in the hallway. Mrs. Patterson was knocked down by Glynn, who, it is alleged, kicked her, breaking her right leg. A policeman arrested him.

ARRESTED FOR SUNDAY SHAVING.

Sigmund Landau, a barber, living at No. 721 fth-st., New-York, and doing business at Slegel-st., was arraigned in the Ewen Street Police Court yesterday and fined \$5, on a charge of violating the Sunday law. Landau, it is alleged, conducted his business openly, despite the warning from a policeman to close the door.

PTALIAN PRISONERS DENY THE SHOOTING. The five Italians-Tony and Michael Chifo, Joseph Gletas, Charles Geato and James Chifo-who were Gletas, Charles Geato and James Unito-who were arrested early Sunday morning, charged with shooting James McGeary, were remanded in the Ewen Street Police Court yesterday for trial. None of the prisoners admit having fired a shot, or claim to know anything about the shooting. The police learned that at least twenty shots were fired, and it is considered remarkable that no one was killed.

HELD FOR SELLING OLEOMARGARINE. John McCarthy, of No. 335 Manhattan-ave., and were arraigned yesterday before Justice Lemon, in the Ewon Street Police Court, charged by William W. Meeteer, a State dairy agent, with selling oleo-margarine. The prisoners pleaded not guilty, and the cases were adjourned for trial. George Szwerfel, of No. 84 Leonard-st., grocers,

THE GAS TRUST GETS MORE TIME.

AUGUST 10 NOW SET AS THE DATE FOR THE HEARING ON ITS CHARTER.

Albany, N. Y., July 13.-The hearing which was set for to-day on the application made to Attorney-General Hancock, asking him to bring an action against the Brooklyn Union Gas Company to an-nul its charter, on the alleged ground that it con-stitutes a monopoly, has been postponed until Aug-

DENIES HIS WIFE'S CHARGES.

HEALEY SAYS THAT HE NEVER ILL-TREATED HIS WIFE, AND SATS SHE IS IRRATIONAL

Justice Osborne, of the Supreme Court, yesterday refused to grant alimony and counsel fee to Hannah Healey in the suit for separation which she is bringing against Michael Healey. The couple were mar ried in 1879 and have two children. The plaintiff alleges that ever since the marriage her husband has fli-treated her, and that in February last he drove her out of the house. She says that he is a hat finisher carning \$18 a week, and that he owns the souse at No 177 Columbia-st., where he lives.

The defendant admits that he has a life-interest in the house mentioned, but says he does not own it. He is not earning any money to speak of, he It. He is not earning any money to speak of, he says, and is worth nothing. He says that his wife has not acted as though she were in her right mind for some years. He sent her to St. Peter's Hospital to have her cured of alcoholism, and some time after she came out, she brought suit against him for separation. She discontinued that suit and he took her back. Then she bought silverware on the instalment plan and pawned it before she had paid for it, he asserts.

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Mr. Healey denies that he ever treated his wife cruelly or turned her out of the house. He says that the home is ready for her whenever she is willing to return to it, a thing which she has persistently refused to do.

PAULT FOUND WITH THE EXAMINATION.

A protest has been filed with the secretary of the Civil Service Commission by Louis Kirschbaum, one of the men who entered the examination recently for the place of superintendent of telegraphs in the Fire Department. He protests against the eligible list prepared after the examination on June 25, 1896, on the grounds that the examination was confined exclusively to questions on electricity, not touching on the work of telegraph service and construction, which are required in the work of this department. He also protests because several who received appointments had filed their applications received appointments had filed their applications later than the rules of the Commission allowed. He also asserts that the examiner had not enough experience in the line of telegraphy to be competent to conduct an examination for the place of telegraph superintendent.

REAL ESTATE.

Only two sales of realty were reported yester-day. Several important deals are under way, but they have not advanced far enough to report. Among the sales were:

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No 68 Middagh-st, 20x100, two-story frame house;
John F James to Cornelia M Swymm.

No 270 5th-ave, a three-story store property; H
Gallizka for Mesors Beer and Schaffner to Mrs
M E Gordon.

The important recorded transfers were:

anderbilt-ave, w. s. 102.4 ft n of Prospect Place, 19.8366, h and i; Thomas J Lennon, executor and trustee Mary Bergen, to Peter F Keyes, mort-gage \$2,000, th-ave, e. s. 85 ft n of Degraw-st, 16.6375, h and l. foreclose; William J Buttling to Augusta A

l, foreclose; William J Buttling to Augusta A Roby
th-ave, e.s. 85 ft n of Degraw-at, runs e 75x s 3x
e 18.8x n 20x w 91.8 to ave, x s 17, h and 1, foreclose; William J Buttling to Augusta A Roby
2d-st, 825 ft e of 8th-ave, 25x100.4 to 21st-st;
Johanna Conway, and Mary, wife of James Conway, to Catharine Haniey, widow and heirs of
James Conway.
Vest 9th-st, s w s, 164.8 ft n w of Clinton-st,
\$5.4x100, h and 1; Eilen Hart to Thomas Milton
and Rose, his wife, mortgage \$2,800.
Verren-st, s w s, 450 ft s e of Smith-st, 48.6x
100; David Hirsch to Augusta Carr, mortgage
\$2,853

tione-ave, w s. 106.3 ft s of Herkimer-at, 20.3x98, h and l, foreclose; William J Builling to Harriet

h and i, foreclose; William J Buttling to Harriet A Andrade
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Putnam-ave, n a, 243.9 ft e of Stuyyesant-ave, 18.9 x100, h and l; Cecilia C, wife Jose M Mayorga, to x100, h and l; Cecilia C, wife Jose M Mayorga, 10 cecile M Mayorga, mortrace \$5,200, h and s.
Nostrand-ave, 303 to 309, e a, 20 ft n of Lexing-ton-ave, 80x70; E A Mailette, New-York, to Charles D Monree, Equitheridge, Mass.

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10 Charles D Monree, 10 Charles Company and Marie his wife, tenants by entirety.

11 William J Buttling to Henry E Woodward and Marie his wife, tenants by entirety.

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olitan-ave. late North 2d-st. s. s. 100.3 ft

Graham-ave, runs s 51x e 0.35x s 46x w

n 100 to North 2d-st, x e 25, h and 1;

as Sheffield to John Schlitz, mortgage

THEIR MEETING YESTERDAY.

THE RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE RENAM-ING OF WASHINGTON PARK LAID OVER-ELECTRIC FANS FOR CITY WORKS

DEPARTMENT CLERKS TALKED OF.

The intense heat yesterday made the Aldermen somewhat querulous, and they were not disposed to be good-natured at the regular weekly meeting of the Board. Alderman Guilfoyle had called up the resolution providing for the renaming of Washington Park with its old name of Fort Greene. The favorable report from the Committee on Renaming Streets had been laid over the week before, according to the rules. Alderman Dunne rose to the point of order that Guilfoyle must put his motion in writing. The latter declined to do this, saying that it was a wholly unusual proceeding, and that as the resolution was already printed in the minutes, it was superfluous to ask him to rewrite it in connection with his verbal motion to Then again, he said, there was no more reason why he should present a written motion than any other member of the committee which had signed the original report. There was a prolonged wrangle as a result, and President Clark sided with Alderman Dunne. Alderman Guilfoyle simply refused to press his motion, so no action was taken on this popular resolution. After the meeting, Alderman Guilfoyle stated that he would continue to refuse to do what he considered against

The Board of Aldermen treated the City Works Department with somewhat scant courtesy on a motion introduced by Alderman Leich to discharge the Water and Drainage Committee from further consideration of a resolution appropriating \$411,555 for the water maintenance. The only votes in favor of the motion were cast by Leich and Ruggies. Aldermen Francisco and Compson gave out after the meeting as their reason for voting against the motion that they did not propose to appropriate this money until they were told by the Works Department just what it was wanted Deputy City Works Commissioner Fielding was present in the interest of this motion, and stated to Alderman Leich that unless the appropriation were made now it would be necessary to delay the payment of certain bills. It will be embered that the last Board of Aldermen de layed making this appropriation just as long as it could, and this seems to be the disposition of the present Board. Some of the Aldermen conveyed the impression that they were getting even with the Department of City Works for supposed illtreatment. Alderman Leich said that the failure to appropriate this money would hamper certain needed extensions of the water department.

A motion granting permission to the Board of Education to use the old fire engine building of the Twenty-ninth Ward as an accommodation for public school No. 24, which is overcrowded, was referred. Corporation Counsel Burr sent a communication mending the payment of judgment secure against the city by former Health Commissione John Griffin for \$7,000 and costs for personal in juries sustained from driving his sleigh against a pile of stone in McDonough-st. The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court has recently affirmed a d cision favorable to Dr. Griffin. The Board ordered the judgment to be paid from the revenue fund. The Corporation Counsel sent another communica sustaining the right of the Brooklyn Heights Railroad Company to construct the switch at Court and Joralemon sts., about which there was so much

road Company to construct the switch at Court and Joralemon sts., about which there was so much trouble recently.

The following resolution, introduced by Alderman Myers, caused some amusement in the Roard, although it was laid on the table by unanimous vote: "Resolved, That in order to promote the efficiency of the clerks in the City Works office during the heated term, to reduce their sufferings from the oppressive atmosphere, to drive away the files that molest them and to remove the somnolence which naturally attacks men exposed to such excessive annoyance, the City Works Commissioner be directed to procure electric fans or thermandidotes, at an expense not to exceed \$250, to be charged to the account of repairs to public buildings."

Randolph C. Fuller, who has been appointed to a five-year term as Buperintendent of County Repairs and Construction, at an annual salary of \$3,500, by the Legislature, is evidently finding his sinecure likesome. He wrote to the Board yesterday that he was willing to give advice and information relative to public buildings.

Peter Hirschfield is sacrificing himself in the public service as a messenger to the Board of Aldermen at the mere pittance of \$1,600. He is required to attend the meetings of the Board once a week, and, though he is supposed to poke his head in at the City Clerk's office daily, still he is not pressed on this point. A precedent has been established in the Board of paying to the messenger to the Board on the some the pressed on this point. A precedent has been established in the Board of paying to the messenger to the Board on the Meremen, and this amount they voted to Hirschfield yesterday, only Leich and Ruggles voting against it. The messenger has among his duties the conveying of "notices, or messages, to the several Aldermen." only believe the Board, however, set down that the messenger has among his duties the conveying of "notices, or messages, to the several Aldermen," and some taxpayers might think that carrying stationery was pretty well provided for in this

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Dr. D. Simmons, of No. 37 Lee-ave., sent a communication to the Board urging the adoption of the ordinance now pending before it to prevent the driving of wagons in the tracks of the trolley lines, because of the squeaking noise made thereby. Alderman Ruggles had a resolution providing for an adjournment for the summer, but he did not introduce it, as he could not get enough votes to carry it. The regular meeting for next Monday was set down for 1 o'clock, instead of 2, as usual. Resolutions providing for paving the following streets were adopted:

Bedford-ave., between East Broadway and Avenue B, asphalt; Punam-ave., from Throop-ave. to Sumner-ave., asphalt; Bath-ave., from Eighteenth-ave. to Twenty-third-ave. Belgian block; Driggs-ave., from Twenty-third-ave. to Bay Thirty-fifth-st., macadam; Tompkins-ave., Halsey-st. to Fultor-st., asphalt.

CONVICTED OF A THIRD OFFENCE. Isaac Fisher, a good-looking colored man, was

convicted in the County Court before Judge Aspinconvicted in the County Court before Judge Aspin-all and a jury yesterday of burglary in the first degree and grand larceny in the second degree, as a second offence. The charge against the negro was that on June 3 he broke into the store of William A. Roberts, at No. 1,463 Broadway, and stole 1,000 cigars, a number of cigarettes, some tobacco, two banjos and a brown leather bag. The entrance was obtained by breaking open a door in the rear of the store. Fisher declared that he did not break into the place, and said that the stolen property, which was found in his possession, was given him by another man. When he was asked the name of the other man, he refused to tell, saying that of the other man, he retused to ten, saying that he was 2 friend and he did not want to give him away. He admitted that he had been previously convicted, once for burglary, his sentence being four years and six months, and again for petit lar-ceny, when his sentence was imprisonment for

nine months.

The jury convicted Fisher after scarcely five minutes' absence. He will be sentenced in a few days, and, under the habitual criminal act, a long term will without doubt be imposed.

JUSTICES NOT TO BE NAMED YET.

It was said yesterday that the appointments of the It was said yesteruay that the appointments of the four Police Justices whom the Mayor, the Auditor and the Controller are called upon to select on the second Tuesday in July will not be announced to-day, as has been expected. The three appointing officials will meet, but it is believed that they will postpone the appointments for several days. The reported reason for this delay is the discovery credited to J. Stewart Ross that the places now held by Justices Teals and Lemon must also be filled at this time. The four Justices whose successors were to be named to-day are Tighe, Harriman, Walsh and Goetting. Public conjecture has picked Henry Bristow, Jacob Bronner, Louis R. Worth and William Kramer as the four new Justices.

for printing the report, and this cannot be done | HEAT AFFECTS ALDERMEN. | HE LAID DOWN THE LAW. before the Legislature meets.

LITTLE HARMONY MANIFESTED AT JUDGE ASPINALL MAKES SOME LIVELY REMARKS CONCERNING THE DIS-TRICT-ATTORNEY.

RESENTED THAT OFFICIAL'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT SENTENCE BE SUSPENDED ON

Judge Aspinall, in the County Court yesterday morning, laid down the law in forcible terms regarding the rights and privileges of the District-Attorney in regard to the disposal of prisoners. William Lawson was the defendant who caused the lecture of the Judge. He is nineteen years old and lives at No. 213 Court-st. It was charged that on June 2 last, in company with Harry Smith, he broke into Olivet Chapel, at No. 506 Bergen-st., with intent to steal. Lawson admitted that he stood on the outside of the chapel while Smith went inside, and a few days ago he pleaded guilty to an attempt to commit burglary in the third degree. was arraigned yesterday for sentence his counsel, Hugo Wintner, told Judge Aspinall that District-Attorney Backus had recommended that sentence be suspended on the boy. The Judge appeared to be very much surprised at this announcement.

"Mr. Backus is not running this court, sir," he said. "In fact, Mr. Backus has nothing to do with it. Mr. Backus's duty is to try cases, and when the trial ends his duty ceases. I wish you to understand distinctly that the District-Attorney has no influence in this court in the disposal of offenders. I don't propose to be influenced in my duty by any one, whether he is a public official or a private citizen. Then, turning to the defendant, Judge Aspinall

said:

"You will go to the Elmira Reformator The prisoner started to go downstairs, but turned back as he reached the railing, and again faced the Judge. With tears in his eyes he pleaded earnestly for his liberty, saying that he had worked steadily for eight years, and had never even been arrested. He was crying bitterly before he finished. Just then the District-Attorney came hur-

ished. Just then the District-Attorney came hurrying into the courtroom, and, advancing to the bar, said to Judge Aspinall:

"The circumstances in this case are such that I am convinced that he did not know Smith intended to commit burglary; therefore, I do not recommend that sentence be suspended, but I told the defendant's counsel that I would recommend the discharge of his client on his own recognizance."

"What I objected to in this case," said Judge Aspinall, "was paid counsel coming to the court and telling me that the District-Attorney thought that sentence should be suspended on this man. I don't propose to be influenced in my duty by any one. Why don't your friends come to the Judge instead of going to the District-Attorney?" asked Judge Aspinall, turning to the defendant.

Lawson tearfully responded that he did not know. "Well," said the Judge, "It is not on account of the plea of your counsel, but because of your own showing here to-day that I have decided to err on the side of mercy, if I err at all. I will suspend sentence."

Lawson thanked the Judge and left the courtroom.

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Smith was arraigned for trial in Part II of the court, before Judge Hurd, and pleaded guilty to burglary in the third degree as a second offence. He will be sentenced before the end of the week.

WILL GO TO PRISON FOR LIFE.

UNDER THE HABITUAL CRIMINAL LAW BLOCK MUST PASS THE REST OF HIS DAYS BEHIND THE BARS.

Morris Kasarkewitz, the aged Russian, who was ointly indicted with "Fred" Reiner and Joseph Block for several burglaries in the Sixteenth Ward was sent to the penitentiary for nine years yester-day by Judge Aspinall, of the County Court, on his plea of guilty to grand larceny and burglary in the first degree. The old man pleaded hard with the Judge to be lenient with him on account of his age, but his words were of no avail. Reiner has also pleaded guilty, and will be sentenced some time this week. Block was convicted of burglary and larceny as second offences, after a trial which took up the greater part of last week. Under the Habitual Criminal law the Judge has no discretion in passing sentence upon him, but must send him to prison for life. Sentence was to have been imposed this morning but was deferred until later in the week. It will be the first time in this State that a man has been sent to prison for life for any crime where the loss of life was not a factor.

Other sentences passed were: Arthur O'Keefe, grand larceny first degree, penitentiary one year; William McGoll, grand larceny second degree, penitentiary two years and six months; Michaelo Gesaro, assault second degree, penitentiary one year and a greater part of last week. Under the Habitual

tentiary two years and six months; Michaelo Gesaro, assault second degree, penitentiary one year and a fine of \$60: Frank H. Foster, grand larceny second degree, penitentiary four years; John Sutton, alias John Riley, grand larceny second degree, penitentiary one year; John Kittleson, carrying a concealed weapon, sentence suspended; Louis Norman, burglary third degree, grand larceny second degree, penitentiary four years.

THE HEAT OVERCAME FOUR.

SUFFERING IN THE TENEMENT DISTRICTS

The heat in the city yesterday was excessive. A walk in the tenement-house district revealed people sitting on the steps and in windows wearing the least amount of clothing possible. Mothers with gasping bables in their arms were hunting some slight cooling breeze which might relieve the distress of the feeble little ones. Four cases of heat prostration were reported. James Macken, thirty-six years old, of Jamaica, was overcome by the heat at Vanderbilt and Atlantic aves. He was removed to St. John's Hospital.

Joseph Sampler, thirty years old, of No. 173

mith-st., was taken sick at Atlantic-ave. and Smith-st., was taken sick at Atlantic-ave. and Clinton-st. He was attended by an ambulance surgeon and taken to the Long Island College Hospital. Nelson Zinnotz, a laborer, forty-nine years old, who lives in Fifth-ave., was prostrated by the heat while at work. After being attended by an ambulance surgeon he was sent to his home. Joseph Coughlin, fifty years old, of No. 1,53 Gatesave., was overcome in Gates-ave. about noon. He was removed to his home.

THE DEATH OF BREWSTER KISSAM.

A GENIAL AND CHARITABLE BARRISTER, WHO WILL BE MOURNED BY MANY

Brewster Kissam, a well-known lawyer at No. 170 Broadway, New-York, died from apoplexy at 4 o'clock on Sunday afternoon in New-York City. Mr. Kissam, who was born in New-York forty-seven years ago, was the son of the late George B. Kissam, at one time a Congressman from a New-York City district. The family was related to the Kissams throughout the State, who have been prominent for many years in social and professional life. On his mother's side, Mr. Kissam was descended from the Brewster family, whose lineage is as old and honorable as that of the Kissams. Mr. Kissam was distantly related to Mrs. William H. Vander bilt, who was a member of that family. Mr. Kissam chose the legal profession for his life's work and entered the law office of Charles B. Hart. He was admitted to the bar with honors at the unusual was admitted to the bar with honors at the unusual age of twenty-one. The same year he married Miss Emma C. Atkinson, of this city, who survives him. Mr. Kissam also leaves one daughter. For many years he had enjoyed a large and lucrative practice. One of the prominent characteristical of his nature was that of generosity. To all clients whom he believed in need of legal advice and unable to pay he willingly gave his time and services. Many a poor man and woman in Brookiya has cause to keep his name in grateful memory. For some years he was active in Democratic politics, and in 1850 was appointed Charities Commissioner of Kings County. His body is now at Henderson's undertaking establishment, at Myrtle-ave, and Jay-st. The funeral will be held at Holy Trinity Church to-morrow morning. The burial will be at Greenwood Cemetery.

A KILL.

THE WILDCAT-ANYTHING I CAN DO FOR YOU?
THE TIGER-OH, ANY TIME. WHENEVER YOU GET THROUGH I'D LIKE JUST A BONE.
THE WILDCAT-THERE AIN'T GOLN TO BE NO BONES.—(Cincinnal Commercial Tribune.)

TO RENOVATE CONEY.

THE HERCULEAN TASK AHEAD OF CITY OFFICIALS.

PROPERTY-OWNERS ADMIT THAT THE SANITARY CONDITION OF THE WEST END IS A MENACE

TO HEALTH-CONTRACTORS AND TEN-

The task of purifying Coney Island, which is now being undertaken by Commissioner of Health Emery, will be something similar to the cleaning of the Augean stables. For a long time the stench at Coney Island has been so pervasive and persistent, and the complaints so numer ous, that the Health Department finally felt itself forced to act. Yesterday afternoon a con ference at the Commissioner's office was held between Commissioner Emery, Assistant Corporation Counsel Moore and Superintendent of Streets Flocken on one side, and a number of property-owners and tenants at the Island of Stenches on the other. The conference was brought about in order to arrive at some amicable understanding between the authorities and the property-owners, so that the herculean task of cleaning up might be facilitated. The Tribune has heretofore called attention to the frightful sanitary condition of Coney Island, and pointed out facts showing not only the unsatisfactory condition of the place as a seaside resort, but also, and what is more important, the grave danger from pestilence and disease, which be comes more and more apparent every day.

Yesterday morning, Dr. Emery issued a statement, which sets forth clearly the position of the Health Department on the subject. It is as fol-

Health Department on the subject. It is as follows:

The Health Commissioner has taken up vigorously the work of purifying the sanitary conditions of Coney Island. Preliminary work to this end has been going on for some weeks and will culminate to-day at a hearing which will be held at 4 p. m. before Z. Taylor Emery, M. D., Commissioner of Health. The property-owners in the Bowery district of the Island, the region concerning which most complaint exists, have all been invited to be present at this hearing. The street-cleaning contractors and the garbage and offal contractors have also been invited to attend, and the matter will receive a thorough investigation and settlement. During the last few weeks maps of the Bowery region have been made, and the ownership of the land has been ascertained and a thorough inspection made by the sanitary and plumbing officers. The responsibility for the present condition of affairs has been fixed and will be enforced. The physical conditions of Coney Island are such that the sewage and surface drainage problem is a difficult one. The land is so level that sufficient pitch for branch sewers to the main sewer on Surfave can only be had with difficulty. There is no drainage of the street other than by seepage of the rain water into the soil by blind chambers which are situated at various places in the Surfave, gainers, and which appear to be sewer traps that are really not such. The population of Coney Island varies in a day from 10,000 to 100,000, and the offput of waste garbage and sewage involved in the entertainment and feeding of that number of people in so limited an area is enormous and requires immediate handling in order to avoid offence.

Most of the walks in the Bowery area are of wood and are elevated, and it has become a not uncommon practice for the denizens to dispose of their garbage by lifting a plank in the walk and throwing garbage beneath. This is done in the nighttime and stealthily, and it is very hard to find the transgressor. But while the Health Departmen

CONTRACTORS AND THE STREET DEPART-

The first question which came up at the meet ing related to the removal of the vast daily accumulation of garbage. Mr. Moore read an opinion in relation to its removal, in which he held that the contractors, Norton & Gorman, were responsible for the complete removal of all forms of garbage. The difficulty all along has been that the street department has considered that as the walks leading from Surfave. to the Bowery and thence to the beach are private property, the contractors could not be compelled to go up and down the narrow alleyways and collect the refuse by hand, it being impracticable, and in some cases impossible to drive the big garbage wagons down along the walks from Surf-ave. The plan in vogue has been that unless all the garbage was carried up to Surf-ave, to be taken away by the contractor's wagons, it was either dumped under the board walks, or thrown on the sands, there to rot and fester and breed disease. It came out during the discussion that the contractors unless it was taken to Surf-ave. from the various walks and alleys by the tenants. The Superintendent of Streets, Mr. Flocken, did not knew this. He has rested strong in the idea that the contractors could do as they pleased and that the Street Department could not move them. He was of that opinion until after Mr. Moore had delivered a legal opinion against the contractors, and it even took an extra hint on the part of the Commissioner to enlighten him. After that Mr. Flocken declared his intention to move, horse, foct and dragoons, against the derellet contractors, and make them purchase sufficient hand carts for the purpose.

CITY OFFICIALS BLAMED.

Judging from the opinion laid down by Mr. Moore and approved by Corporation Counsel Burr, the responsible officials, both of Health and City Works, have been almost criminany slow in moving along a direct line of duty, especially so when it is considered that the lives and health of thousands of people depend upon ef-

cally so when it is considered that the lives and health of thousands of people depend upon effective sanitary arrangements.

The Assistant Corporation Counsel, in his opinion, says that the territory complained of occupies the ground from Tilyou's Walk to West Tenth-st. and Surf-ave. to the sea; that the tenants defy the health authorities by dumping refuse in the gutters, under the plank walks and along the beach. "The question is," he goes on to say, "can the city demand that the contractors go on private property to collect the refuse material? If they cannot drive their teams through the walks, is it their duty to provide handcarts and transfer the garbage from them to the wagons? It must be assumed that the contractors had such places in their minds when they entered into agreement with the city authorities to collect garbage in the Twenty-ninth, Thirtieth and Thirty-first wards. Sufficient power seems to be and is given to the Health and City Works departments to demand this of the contractors, and to enforce Section 88 of the sanitary ordinances, which describes the nature of receptacles to be used by the tenants or property holders, and to compel the use of such by the tenants.

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Air, moore went on to say that part of the difficulty lies in the fact that the tenants of the Bowery carry their garbage to Surf-ave. In receptacles that do not comply with the regulations, inasmuch as they are all sorts and descriptions of boxes and barrels, most of which scriptions of boxes and barrels, most of which leak and scatter garbage in the streets, gutters and sidewalks. The result of the Assistant Corporation Coungel's opinion, and the outcome of the discussion with the property-owners, are embodied in the following:

"The authorities have power, first, to hold the owners, and through them their tenants, responsible for the maintenance and use of proper garbage receptacles; second, to hold the owners, and through them their tenants, responsible for proper sewage along and under the walks; third.

proper sewage along and under the walks; third, to hold the owners, and through them their tenants, responsible for the proper removal of garbage; fourth, to hold walk-owners responsible for any garbage beneath plank walks or at the end of them."

DAILY COLLECTIONS MUST BE MADE. Another regulation which will be enforced, so

the authorities say, is that the contractors must collect garbage every day, instead of every other day, as they frequently do, between 7 and 10 a.m.

The discussion which followed the opinion brought out some interesting facts in regard to the Island.

WHAT PROPERTY-OWNERS SAY. A number of the proyerty-owners had been

A number of the proyerty-owners had been invited to be on hand, but only a few of them compiled. John A. Cook, Anson Stratton and a Mr. Henderson, who seemed to be the three principal owners of property on the beach, were present. Mr. Stratton, before the opinion was fully delivered, wanted to know what would be done in case the owner of the land was in Europe. Mr. Moore replied that a remedy could easily be found either against him or his agent. Mr. Stratton went on to say that he was perfectly willing to aid the Health Department in every way. He proceeded to describe the character of some of the tenants, and said that

many of them were Greeks, Hebrews and Italians, and it was with the greatest difficulty that they could be made to comply with or understand the rules of health. It came out that when he rented a piece of property to a tenant his responsibility ceased in regard to what the tenant might erect thereon. Mr. Stratton was so anxious to aid the authorities that he offered to make over to the city around it. Mr. to make over to the city enough ground in his own private walks to enable the authorities to own private walks to enable the authorities to put in sewage and water pipes large enough to carry off the drainage, and to supply every building on his premises with water. It turned out that Mr. Stratton and the other principal owners have small service pipes from the main in Surf-ave. But they are insufficient. He said he had built a tank for his houses, but he could not get a sufficient head of water to fill it, and therefore the sanitary condition of the houses

Why don't you put in a larger pipe, then?"

asked Mr. Emery.
"Because," Mr. Strattan replied, "I already pay
\$500 a year for water tax. If I should put in a
larger pipe the city would want the value of my entire porperty for it."

It was after this that Mr. Stratton said that he was willing to give space on his walks to the city for pipes. In reply to that he was told that he had better confer with City Works Commis-

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John A. Cook, another owner, agreed to comply with the law. Mr. Cook described the condition of Surf-ave. He said that the gutters were reeking with filth, and that the water extends from the gutters far out into the street. The gutters contain bits of garbage and refuse dropped from the receptacles which the contractor's employes never thought of picking up.

"In front of the Clarendon," continued Mr. Cook, "the water extends twenty feet out on the street. There is no surface drainage. I have seen the water on the street green with scum and the stench has been unbearable. There is a sewer in the street which goes to the sewage reduction works at the west end of the Island, but it does not drain the street water."

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Mr. Moore here broke in and described the sewage conditions. He reiterated what Mr. Cook had said, and then explained that there were manholes at various places which led to blind chambers in the sand. But the manholes had become choked up by garbage and would not carry off the water. At other times, he said, the sand became so saturated with moisture that it falled to absorb the surface accumulations, thus throwing the foetid odors back to the street.

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Then Mr. Cook, in a further explanation, said that many people had left the Clarendon and other hotels because the odor was so frightfully bad. The proprietor of the Columbia Hotel told the Commissioner that the garbage contractors falled to do their duty in removing his garbage. They would not come every day. They generally came on Friday, he said, but he was left from Friday night until Monday morning without any relief from the accumulations of his hotel.

All the owners complained when they were apprised of the fact that they were to be made

prised of the fact that they were to be made responsible for sanitary conditions. They seemed to think that the tenants should be made seemed to think that the tenants should be made responsible, but their protests availed nothing. If the authorities carry out their expressed intentions, there is some hope for the future health of the island. But if they go on in the same slack way as before, waiting to be prodded before moving, a grave danger menaces the community. There is every necessary condition at the Island of Stenches for an epidemic of most carry bind, and while Broadly neonle may feel any kind, and, while Brooklyn people may feel secure from harm, there is no certainty that they may not experience disease and sickness even before the present season is over. Coney Island to-day, morally and physically, is the most unsavory spot in America. ONE MORE POINT OF EXCISE LAW.

SAMUELY ASSERTS THAT HIS PLACE IS EXEMPT FROM THE NECESSITY OF SECURING CON-SENTS OF PROPERTY-OWNERS.

Argument was heard before Justice Osborne, of he Supreme Court, yesterday on the application of Charles Ritchie, of No. 106 Union-ave., for an order evoking the liquor-tax certificate granted to Adolph Samuely for the premises at No. 108 Union-ave Ritchie owns the premises next door to Samuely's saloon, and the ground on which he makes his apsaloon, and the ground on which he makes his application is that the defendant has not obtained the consent of two-thirds of the property-owners within 200 feet of the saloon. A Dr. Frickenstein, who lives opposite to the saloon, also joins in the application. The answer of the defendant is that the saloon in the assortion was abandoned by him on April 10. The building remained vacant until June 18, at which time Samuely opened his saloon there. He asserts that the provision of the Raines law which says that those licenses which apply to property for which the requisite consents have not been given at the time of the passage of the act are exempt from its provisions, relieved him of the necessity of getting consents, as the place had formerly been licensed as a saloon to Basier.

The petitioners declare that, under a decision of Justice O'Brien, of the Court of Appeals, it was held that only the original owner, and not his assigns or successors, were ment by that provision of the law. Basier could have continued his saloon there without the necessity of getting the consents of two-thirds of the property-owners, but, when Ritchle came in it was necessary for him to secure them. Papers were submitted and decision was reserved.

COURT CALENDARS.

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Supreme Court—Special Term for Motions—Before Osborne, J.—Ex-parte business at 10 a.m. Motion calendar called at 10:30 a.m.

Surrogate's Court—Before George B. Abbott, S.—The wills of Charlotte E. Podicok, Catharine Herliky, Catharine Wehrmann, Emily Keith, George Passnacht, Charles D. Peters, Peter Bitterman, John Robertson, William M. Boetcher, Kate Rooney, Mark Reardon and John McGrath. The accounting of Konrad O. H. Heinz and Francis A. Moran. Contested calendar at 10:30; No. 52, Will of Hugh McKübbin.

County Court—Criminal Calendar—Part I—Aspinali, J.—Dennis De Casta, alias James Sullivan, grand larceny, second offence; John Martin, burglary, first degree, second offence; William Guyin, attempted burglary, first degree, second offence; William Guyin, attempted burglary, second degree; Nicholas Dawson, assault, second degree and abduetton.

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County Court—Criminal Calendar—Part II—Hurd, J.—
Samuel Feinberg, attempted grand larceny, second degree, second offence; Tony Smith, grand larceny, second degree; Alexander Hennalowitz, alias Charles Garmar-lofsky, grand larceny, second degree; John Allen, grand larceny, second degree; John Allen, grand larceny, second degree; James Lowery, robbery, first de-

HE FLOUTS THEM ALL.

HENRY WATTERSON WOULD BE NEITHER A DUKE NOR A FLUNKEY.

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I neither wonder at nor complain of the self-sufficiency of the English character and the airs of condescension which John Bull gives himself. I simply decline to Join the herd of flunkeys who make it the business of their lives to put incense under his noze. When I was a very young man I had a dose of English society and I know perfectly what it is. But for five and twenty years I have carefully avoided it, refusing all opportunities and invitations to go into it.

I have no desire to assail it. I have no prejudice against it. R merely does not suft me. If I possessed a title and an estate, and were English-born, I have no doubt I should like it very well, and be a Tory, for the warp and woof of the English fabric is laid in its peculiar social structure. The court is splendid; but I do not want to go to court. The great houses are magnificent; but I have no wish to enter them. I would not be willing to come here in a representative character if the salary should be expressed in pounds sterling instead of dollars and the tenure should be made perpetual.

As much as the next man do I glory in the glorious achievements of the Anglo-Saxon race. They are nobly visible here on every hand. The opulence of England is prodigious. If I be asked why, entertaining such sentiments, I come here again and again, I amswer, because it is a great historic are nobly visible here on every hand. The opulence of England is prodigious. If I be asked why, entertaining such sentiments, I come here again and again, I answer, because it is a great historic city, the metropolis of the universe, full of interest to me, apart from the social and political aspects that offend my Republicanism. Like the cat in the fable, I may look at the King; nor yet be of him, or his kidney. Individual Englishmen I may like or dishike, as they may be engaging or otherwise. Your true gentleman is of no race, or country, creed or caste. Some of the most agreeable and disagreeable persons I have ever known have been of the British peerage. When Lord Rosebery and the British peerage. When Lord Rosebery and the Duke of Devonshire and the Marquis of Salisbury glow about America am I willing to have Mr. Bayzard glow about England and not till then. Meanwhile, I would buy a muzzle for him and for the like of him who may come after.

The truth is, the conflict between monarchy and Republicanism is an irrepressible conflict. The noblemen named cannot afford to glow about America. They dare not. Democracy is already encroaching upon the precognitive of aristocracy. Mr. Gladstone came perilously near precipitating a revolution. Only the Liberal-Unionists stood between. If Parnell had lived and prospered; if Hartington and Chamberiain had not seen the precipice in time to draw back, no man can say what the state of Great Britain would be to-day. It is best as it is, I quite agree to that; but it constitutes no reason why, being an American and a Democrat, I should bow down and worship it.

HIS "SHEER."

From The Detroit Free Press.

The distinction of being the richest and the meanest man in the town in which he lived belonged to old Andy Scraggs. No one questioned his right to this honor when old Andy's wife died and he went to four different undertakers trying to get them to make him a coffin for \$5 out of some worm-eaten old black walnut boards he had kept in his barn for twenty years "for that very purpose," as he admitted.

Brighton Beach during August. It is probable there will be one festival for the little ones each week in the month. All the children from the pub lic (natitutions of the city will be invited to the festival without regard to creed or nationality. The eral thousand children were taken to the beach entertained on the shore and in the music hall, and sent to their homes under excellent care, purely as a work of charity. A part of the little energy were trained and sang National airs much to the selight of the large audience that gathered. The year, in addition to the day's outing at the beach, it is desired by the society to provide refreshment for the children, and for this purpose contributions from generous friends are solicited. Every effort will be made to have the affair a complete success

The programme of concerts for the present week is an excellent one, including as it does an occur concert, by request, on Wednesday night, the see ond regular Wagner programme on the night to lowing, and a symphonic concert on Friday night Next week Emil Fischer will sing at every one cert, drawing his numbers from his repertory of songs by Schubert, Schumann, Brahms and Jensea. On July 28 there will be a concert in aid of the cause of free Cuba, and a memorial Liszt nigh will be arranged for July 31.

The programme for this evening is as follows: March Festival Naprawng Suite, "Teer Gynt" Grie (a) Morning. (b) Asa's Death. (c) Antira's Dance. (d) In the Hall of the Mountain King.
Ballet Music, "Faust" Gound Selection from "Hansel und Gretel" Humperdinck Sigfried's Rhine Journey Wagner Two Hungarian Dances. Brahms (a) Virgin's Prayer Massecation (d) Eluctice (d) Eluctice (d) Eluctice (d) Eluctice (d)

GATHERED ABOUT THE TOWN.

Postmaster Sullivan has gone to Rochester to at tend the annual convention of the Catholic Ber lent Legion, of which he is a member. He will be gone three days. Judge William J. Gaynor, Mrs. Gaynor and the

son, Rufus, will sail on the Teutonia for Europe on Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Hyda will accompany them. Mr. Hyde is a young law yer, and a member of the firm of Grout, De Fere a Mayer. The party will visit the British Isles, France and Switzerland, and will return home about September 1. Justice Teale yesterday paroled Lillian Kessle,

the young woman who tried to commit suicide few days ago, to the care of a friend name Thomas V. Grender, of No. 239 Monroe-at. Mis Kessler told the Justice that she had become de spondent through the loss of her position, and is despair had attempted to take her own life. She assured him that she would never try again, and The Kings County Elevated Ratiroad Company

yesterday announced that its Brighton Beach en-tension in Frankin-ave, would be completed en July 22, and that trains would then be run regu-larly over the new line. The fare from the Bridge to the island will be 10 cents. Albert Pfost, a Bridge ticket agent, had his hat, coat and waistcoat stolen from the men's waiting-

room at the Brooklyn end yesterday. The walst coat contained a silver watch and chain, valued altogether at \$35. Prost did not discover his loss until he went to put on his hat and coat. He notified the police, who are now looking for the missing articles. Resolutions of sympathy were drawn up relative

to the recent death of Thomas Keppel, who was one of the prominent members of the Nassau Re-publican Club of the Seventeenth Ward, at a special meeting of the club held a few evenings ago. The resolutions will be forwarded to his widow. The annual tennis tournament of the Knicker

bocker Field Club, which has been going on during the last week, ended on Saturday. The winner were presented with handsome mahogany mounted rackets. Those who received prizes in the various classes were: Men's Singles-Class A. C. Bollinger Class B, B. Haviland. Mixed Doubles-Miss L. Holmes, W. K. Holmes. Men's Doubles-W. D. A. Rose, H. Wall.

Henry J. Fisher, of No. 666 Decatur-st., and George O. Moore, of No. 126 Vernon-ave., and the cashler of the Sunset Hotel, in Canarsie, were the victims of a confidence man Sunday evening. He is described as about twenty years old, and of rather large build. He goes under the name of Schwartz. He had applied for employment at the Sunset Hotel as a waiter and was given work. He collected \$5 from the men mentioned, and left shortly after with \$10 for the purpose of getting change. He went without his hat or coat, and has not been seen since.

J. P. Cranford & Son will probably receive the contract for the forty-eight-inch single cast-free pipe to be run between Millburn and Spring Creek a distance of thirteen miles. There were nine bidden for the main, but Cranford & Son's bid of \$67,39 2 was the lowest. Bids were called for three different plans of main, but Engineer de Varona decided that the forty-eight-inch main would effect a saving of about \$102,000. He has reported to Commissioner Willis in favor of awarding the contract is

J. P. Cranford & Son. Charles Kavanagh, who says he is an agent. living at No. 1,547 Fulton-st., was held under \$1,000 bail for the action of the Grand Jury by Justice Nostrand, in the Grant Street Police Court yes terday. Kavanagh is accused of stealing jewer, valued at \$145, from the house of Werner F. Derhuer, of No. 1,136 Dean-st. When he was arrested by Detective Raleigh, of the Grand-ave, precinct pawntickets representing property valued at \$.99 were found in his possession.

James Corcoran, forty years old, who lives at No. 248 Twentieth-st., fell under car No. 2,8% of the Myrtle-ave, line yesterday morning while working on the tracks at Myrtle-ave, and Navy-st. When he was pulled out it was found that his left leg was broken. He was attended by an ambulance surgeon and taken to the Homocopathic Hospital The man was employed by the Brooklyn Heights Company.

Henry Zelter, seventeen years old, of No. 8 Orchard-st., New-York, was arraigned before fut-tice Nostrand in the Grant Street Police Cont yesterday morning and fined \$5 for reckless birgcle riding on the cycle path Sunday afternoon. Zelter ran into a wheel ridden by Michael J. Savage, of No. 398 Carlton-ave., and broke Savage's bicycle so that it could not be used. Zelter was badly cut about the face and head. He was arrested by Policeman Lannigan, of the park police who made the charge against him yesterds?

Ex-County Treasurer Henry H. Adams met w an accident yesterday morning while driving in Putton-st. His horse took fright at a trolley car, and, running to the curbing, threw Mr. Adams out. Mr. Adams was removed to his home, No. 1,475 Herkimer-st., where it was found that his collar-bone was broken and other slight injuries had been received

Private W. H. Lassen, of Troop C. National Guard, died at his home, No. 256 Carlton-ave, os Sunday evening from gangrene, brought on by a throat affection. Although he had been ill for some time, he went to the State Camp at Peckskill a fee days ago as an orderly on the staff of Major Teta-more, of the 13th Regiment. While there he was taken ill again and was obliged to return home. Private Lassen was twenty-one years old. He had been a member of Troop C since its organization and was popular with all the troop. The funeral will take place this afternoon and burial will be in Holy Cross Cemetery. Troop C will attend the funeral in a body.

Frank Robinson was arraigned in the County Court yesterday afternoon on an indictment chars-ing him with keeping a poolroom for the purpose of receiving bets on horse races at No. 11 Court-st. The indictment was returned yesterday morning by the Grand Jury. Robinson declares that he is guilty of the charge against him, and so ple He was held in \$2,000 ball to await trial.

WHAT IS GOING ON TO-DAY. Opening Sons of Israel Fair for benefit of Bath Beach Synagogue, Twenty-second-st. and Cropest-ave., evening.

Annual excursion, Retail Grocers' Association Fresh Air Fund fair, Third-ave, and Senator Bay Ridge, 8:10 p. m.

something whizzed through the air at a tance of about ten feet from the head of will the Conqueror. "Wasn't that an arrow!" at the monarch!

"It went rather too wide for a narrow!" said to lose in importance and respectability.—Control of the court jester, and from that moment his office be to lose in importance and respectability.—Control of the court jester.